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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Volkspolizei Luft

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] 1. [REDACTED] at a Berlin ministry that the Volkspolizei Headquarters with Generalmajor Heinz Kessler would move to Cottbus.
2. In early June 1953, the VPL headquarters in Berlin-Johannisthal was being vacated. The guard detail of the headquarters had already left. A driver stated that the headquarters would move to either Cottbus or Goerlitz. The quarters in Berlin-Johannisthal were to be vacated not later than 30 June 1953. All civilian employees had received notice for that date. There was intensive activity, with files being packed in large boxes. On 8 June, the signal battalion had already packed its equipment. An advanced detail of the office which was scheduled to take charge of the buildings had already arrived. They were Volkspolizei wearing red patches.<sup>1</sup>
3. Documents obtained at the VPL headquarters which were to be burnt included sections of the "Anordnung in Angelegenheiten der Rueckwaertigen Dienste" No 1/53 dated 20 May 1953, issued by the main section for rear services of the VPL headquarters in Berlin-Johannisthal and signed by Colonel Alter chief of this main section. One paragraph of this regulation mentioned the technical division of the VPL. Another document issued by the VPL political main administration (youth) contained directives for the preparation of the Fourth World Festival for Peace and Friendship in Bucharest.<sup>2</sup>
- 25X1X 4. In June 1953, [REDACTED] the 1st VPL Div that the organization of new units which had been scheduled for August 1953 was dropped and was postponed until 1954.<sup>3</sup>
- 25 5. [REDACTED] that several building projects of the Volkspolizei, including Project U 401, which was a new building for the VPL headquarters in Berlin-Johannisthal, were to be completed only as bare structures if by early May 1953 the interior construction had not yet started. Workmen employed on interior construction had been withdrawn.<sup>1</sup>
- 25 6. [REDACTED] that buildings under construction across from the small railroad station and alongside of the former cooperative stores administration and its stores on Rauschwalder Strasse in Goerlitz belonged to a VPL barracks project. Residents stated that 80 VPs who wore blue patches and wing insignia were quartered there.<sup>4</sup>

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] that the VPL headquarters would leave Berlin-Johannisthal, it is believed that the headquarters will probably move to Cottbus to reduce the distance between this headquarters and the VPL units under its control. The VPL central supply depot which previously was also located in Berlin-Johannisthal possibly moved to Goerlitz. [REDACTED] The 25X1A previous installation of the VPL headquarters in Berlin-Johannisthal will probably be taken over by the KVP headquarters in Adlershof which is located nearby.
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Two documents are attached as Annexes. The documents confirm that the "Stellvertreter fuer Versorgung" was redesignated the Office of Rear Services. Colonel Alter [REDACTED] was previously reported with the same assignment. The technical division mentioned confirms the existence of the headquarters of the air technical division which was previously reported. [REDACTED] 25X1A
- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. Previous information on the postponement of the activation of new units and a 50-percent cut in planning was previously submitted. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A4. [REDACTED]

Note: Documents mentioned above forwarded to Air.

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